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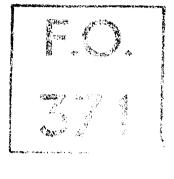
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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

2nd May 1947

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Dear Department,

We enclose copies of correspondence with a Mr. Martin H. Hirsch, who has sent the Ambassador \$400.00 for the relief of British Service victims of the terrorists in Palestine and of their dependents.

We would be glad to know as soon as possible whether this gift can be made use of and if so in what manner, so that we may inform Mr. Hirsch. As you will see, he has been told that we are holding on to his cheque pending a reply to this enquiry.

Yours ever,

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Eastern Department,

Foreign Office,

London, S.W.1.

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C O P Y

April 26th, 1947.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Inverchapel The Embassy of Great Britain Washington, D.C.

Your Excellency,

I am now a citizen of the United States of America, but up to a few years ago have been an Austrian national. I am of jewish race and of jewish religion.

Two months ago, the first time since before the war, I have visited your country and was astonished not to find any anti-jewish feelings, which I thought would have been created by the unfortunate outbreaks of violence in my newest "homeland". This strengthens my conviction that your country still is the only major nation, except perhaps, Russia, where people of my faith and race are considered as equals in every respect, not only in front of the law, but also by the vast majority of its population.

The last few years I have contributed to several jewish institutions and agencies, having been under the impression that my money would be used exclusively to help unfortunates re-acquire ways and means to become self supporting.

At this time, I do not think that the entirety of my contributions have been employed in such a way, but that a substantial portion is used, directly or indirectly, to further manifestations directed against Great Britain.

For this reason I have decided to place this years contribution into your hands and would like to express the desire that it be used to bring help and relief to British servicemen or their dependents, injured or killed while fulfilling their duty in Palestine.

Should you wish to publicize this letter or its content, I would appreciate your withholding my identity.

Yours very truly,

Martin H. Hirsch 14 West 58th Street New York 19, N.Y. MARTIN H. HIRSCH

Enc.check \$ 400. -

British Embassy Washington, D.C.

2nd May 1947

Dear Ar. Hirsch,

In thanking you warmly for your most generous gift of Four Hundred Dollars for the help and relief of British Servicemen killed or injured while fulfilling their duty in Palestine, or of their dependents, I wish to say how deeply I am touched by the kind thought which has prompted you. These men have a hard and thankless task to perform and their casualties in so doing have been serious. In a very difficult situation they have shown great fortitude and great restraint and there is no doubt that much hardship and sorrow have been caused, both to them and to those dependent upon them.

I do not know whether there is any fund open in England for the purpose which you have in mind and I should therefore like to make enquiries

Martin H. Hirsch, Esq., 14 West 58th Street, New York 19, N.Y. 61922

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on that point and to hold your cheque in the meantime. When I have a reply I shall write to you again, but I know that my Government will be no less grateful than I am for your generosity and for your kind solicitude for those who have suffered in Palestine.

May I add that I have taken due note of your last paragraph?

Yours sincerely,
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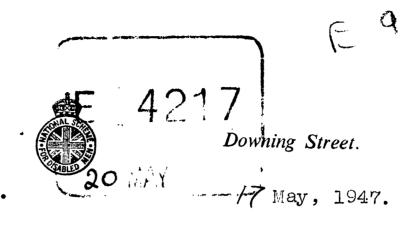
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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE.

London, S.W.1.

and the following Number quoted:75156/157E/47.

Your Reference.....



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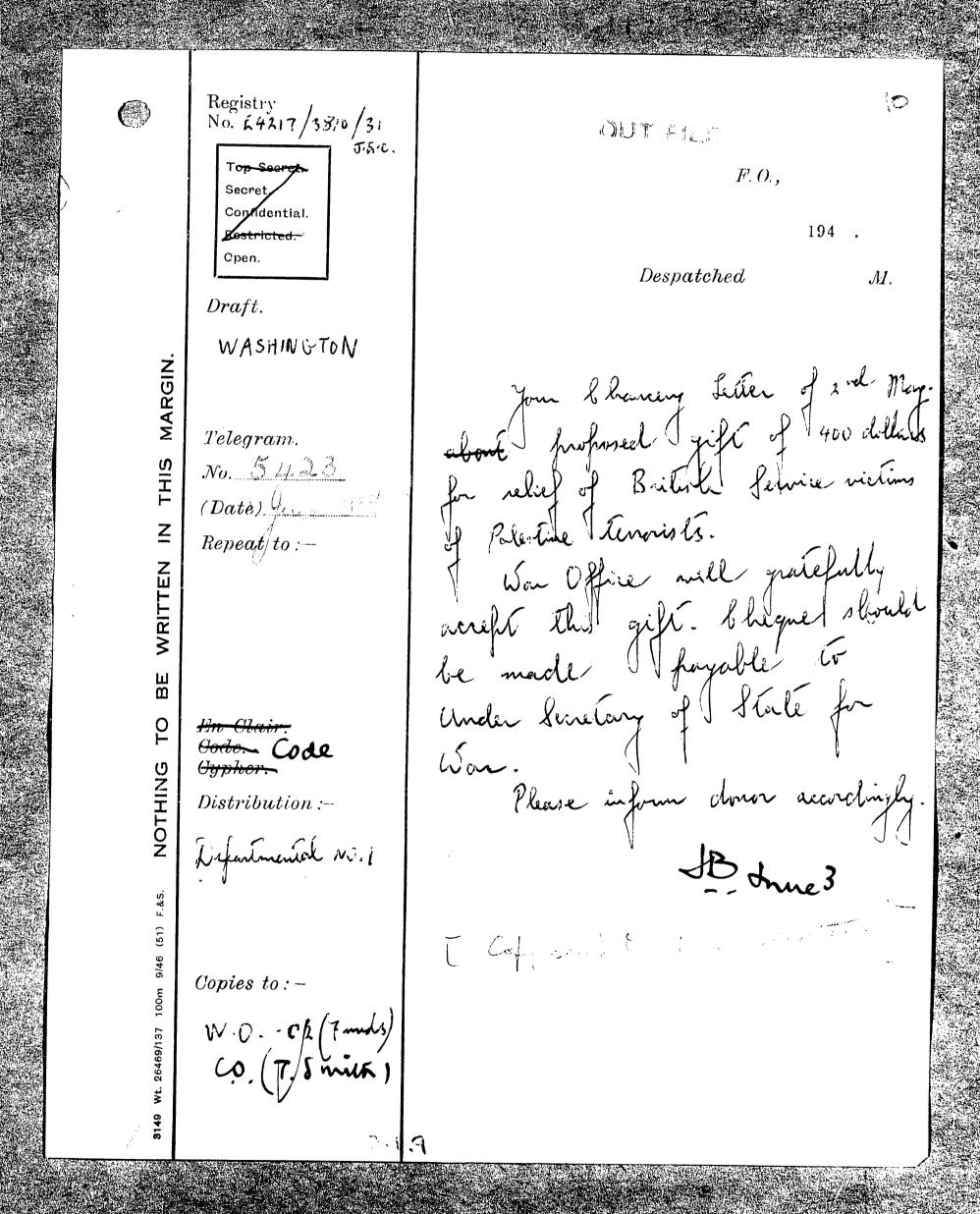
I am directed by Mr. Secretary Greech Jones to refer to your communication No. E.3810/3810/80 of the 9th May, forwarding a copy of a letter from the Chancery, Washington, concerning a gift of \$400.00 by Mr. Martin H. Hirsch for the relief of British service victims of terrorists in Palestine, and to request you to inform Mr. Secretary Bevin that as this gift is for British servicemen and their dependants it would appear to be a matter for the War Office. That Department will no doubt consider what use can be made of this gift.

2. A copy of this letter, with a copy of the enclosures to your communication is being sent to the War Office.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Traffied Smith

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, FOREIGN OFFICE.



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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO WASHINGTON

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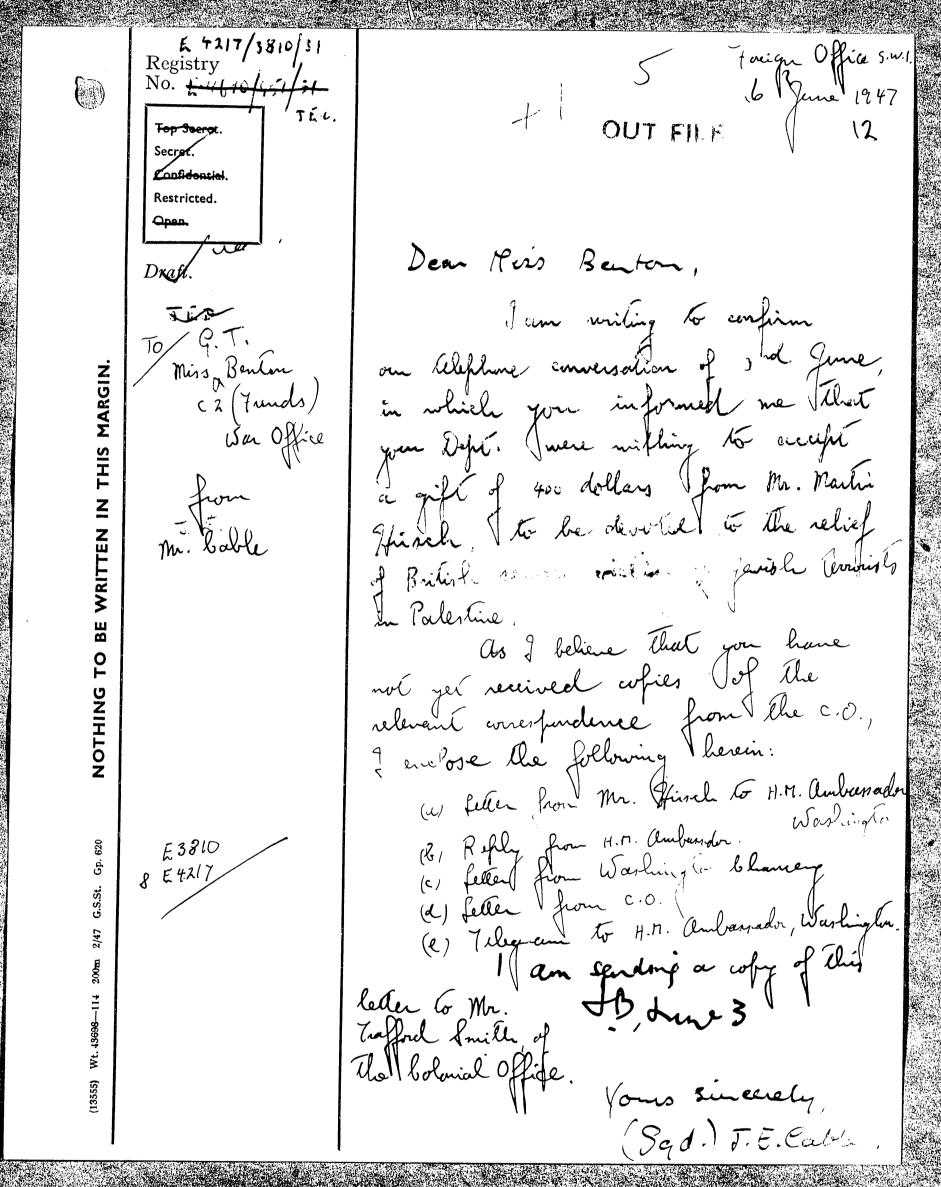
Your Chancery letter of 2nd May, proposed gift of 400 dollars for relief of British Service victims of Palestine terrorists.

War Office will gratefully accept this gift. Cheque should be made payable to Under-Secretary of State for War.

Please inform donor accordingly.

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat].

THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE,



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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

6th June, 1947.

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Dear Phis Benton,

I am writing to confirm our telephone conversation of the 3rd June, in which you informed me that your Department, were willing to accept a gift of 400 dollars from Mr. Martin Hirsch to be devoted to the relief of British service victims of Jewish terrorists in Palestine.

As I believe that you have not yet received copies of the relevant correspondence from the Colonial Office, I enclose the following herein:-

- a) Letter from Mr. Hirsch to His Majesty's Ambassador Washington.
- Reply from His Majesty's Ambassador.
- Letter from Washington Chancery.
- Letter from Colonial Office.
- Telegram to His Majesty's Ambassador, Washington.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Trafford Smith of the Colonial Office.

Miss G.T. Benton, C2(Funds), War Office.

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The Under-Secretary of State, The War Office, London, S.W.1, and the following number quoted.

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THE WAR OFFICE, LONDON, S.W.I.

E 8058

29. August, 1947

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 11th July, 1947, forwarding a Bill of Exchange for &99 6s 3d (sterling equivalent of a donation of \$400 received from Mr. Martin Hirsch for the relief of British service victims of Jewish terrorists in Palestine), and to inform you that, as there is no specific fund administered by the Department for this purpose, the Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Land Forces, has been requested to use this money at his discretion, for the purpose for which it has been given; with particular regard

I am to request that you will notify Mr. Hirsch accordingly.

A copy of this letter and of the letter addressed to the Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Land Forces, has been sent to the Colonial Office.

> I am, Sir, Your obedient Servant,

> > G. Y. Denta.

The Under-Secretary of State, Foreign Office, London, S.W.1.

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42/Funds/2019 (C. 2. Funds)

Adgust, 1947

Sir.

I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that a donation of 400 dollars (sterling equivalent 499 6s 3d) has been received in the war office for the help and relief of British servicemen killed or injured while furfilling their Arritan servicemen killed or injured while fulfilling their day in alestine, or of their dependents. This sum, which should be obtained from funds held locally and charged in the accounts under the heading "H.S.T. MISC.", may therefore be expended by you for the purpose for which it has been given, particular regard being had to the needs of the injured.

I am to request that you will report in due course how this donation has actually been expended.

Your obedient Servant,

The Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Land Forces,

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16th September 1947.

(E 8058/3810/31)

Dear Chancery,

June to Finance Department, in which you enclosed a sterling bill of exchange to the order of the Under-Secretary of State for War, being the equivalent of Mr. Martin Hirsch's gift of 400 dollars for the relief of British service victims of Jewish terrorists in Palestine.

- 2. As there is no specific fund for this purpose administered by the War Office, the Commander-in-Chief, Middle East Land Forces has been requested to use this money, at his discretion, for the purpose for which it was given, having particular regard to the needs of the injured.
- 3. You may care to pass on this information to Mr. Hirsch.

Yours ever,

EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

The Chancery,
British Embassy,
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BRITISH EMBASSY, WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

9th September 1947

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Dear Department,

We enclose herein a copy of a letter from Dr. Laszlo S. Arany, who has sent us a cheque for \$20.00 in memory of Sgts. Paice and Martin, and of the reply which we have sent him. We have suggested to him that this gift might go to the War Office because this was the proposal made in Foreign Office telegram No. 5423 of June 3rd on the occasion of a previous gift from a Mr. Hirsch for a similar purpose.

Dr. Arany's money order is going over to our Finance Section, who will credit the Foreign Office through our September Quarter account.

Yours ever,

CHANCERY



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August 27, 1947
Veterans Hospital,
Walla Walla, Wash.

British Embassy, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed you will find a money order for twenty dollars, a contribution in memory of the late Sgt. Mervyn Paice and Sgt. Clifford Martin. The use of this contribution is at your discretion.

Very sincerely yours, DR. LASZLO S. ARANY COPYRIGHT OF THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE, LONDON

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September 5th, 1947

Dear Dr. Arany,

I write to express my warm thanks for your letter of August 27th and for the enclosed money order for \$20.00 which you have sent to us in memory of Sergeants Mervyn Paice and Clifford Martin. You have kindly given us discretion to use this money as we think fit and I would therefore propose to send it to the War Office in London to relieve the distress of the families of such men as these who have lost their lives in the performance of their duties. of their duties.

I am greatly touched by the kind thought which prompted your most generous gift and I know that those at home would wish to join me in expressing gratitude both for your sympathy and for the practical way in which you have been good enough to show it.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. Laszlo S. Arany, Veterans Hospital, Walla Walla, Washington